



Crop Progress and Condition

Week Ending April 5, 2009

Agricultural Summary

Wet soil conditions from rain and snow that fell the last weekend of March hampered spring tillage and planting across the State. **Topsoil moisture** is 1 percent very short, 3 percent short, 58 percent adequate, and 38 percent surplus, compared to 43 percent surplus last year. Compared to last week the surplus topsoil moisture increased 10 points with most of the increase in the northern two-thirds of the State. **Subsoil moisture** supply is rated 1 percent very short, 6 percent short, 78 percent adequate and 15 percent surplus. **Spring tillage** is 25 percent complete, compared to the 36 percent as normal. There were **1.6 days suitable for fieldwork**.

Field Crops Report

Cool, wet conditions continue to delay field crop activities across the State. **Corn** planting is at 2 percent complete, behind the normal pace of 11 percent. Planting progressed slightly in the southern part of the State and the east-central district. **Wheat** condition is rated at 1 percent very poor, 6 percent poor, 42 percent fair, 45 percent good, and 6 percent excellent.

Pasture & Livestock

Pasture condition is rated 1 percent very poor, 12 percent poor, 43 percent fair, 42 percent good, and 2 percent excellent. **Hay supply** is rated 5 percent short, 75 percent adequate, 20 percent surplus. Hay supplies are 95 percent adequate to surplus, compared to 56 percent adequate to surplus last year. Producers are still feeding hay in some areas as they await warmer temperatures to increase pasture growth. **Stock water supplies** are rated 2 percent short, 82 percent adequate, and 16 percent surplus.

Weather Summary

Average **temperatures** were 1 degree below average in the southern part of the State but normal to 3 degrees above average across the rest of the State. **Rainfall** averaged 0.44 inches with a range of 0.12 inches in the northeast district to 0.72 inches in the southeast district. Carroll, Phelps, New Madrid, and Pemiscot reported over an inch of precipitation, while Knox, Pike, Shelby, and Texas reported no precipitation.

Audio Commentary

Weekly Crop Progress and Condition Audio Commentary by State Director Gene Danekas is available at:

http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Missouri/Publications/Audio/

Weather Data

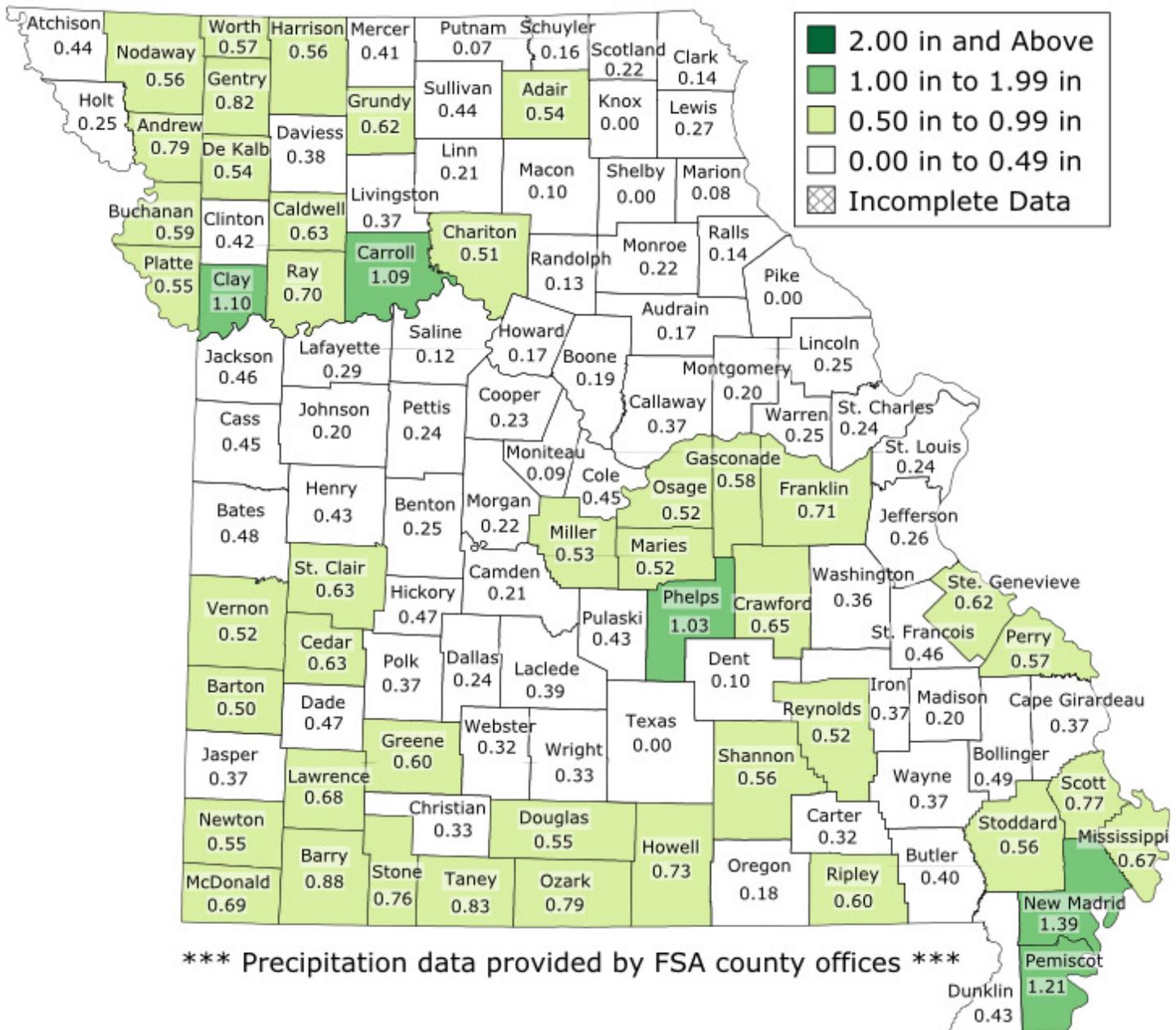
Hourly and daily weather data from stations throughout the state is available at:

<http://agebb.missouri.edu/weather/history/>

District Summaries As Of April 5, 2009

	Missouri	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE
Days Suitable For Fieldwork										
This Year	1.6	1.2	0.7	0.8	0.6	2.4	1.8	3.4	3.5	2.3
Last Year	2.1	3.7	3.2	1.8	2.3	1.2	0.7	2.2	2.3	0
Topsoil Moisture Supply										
Very Short	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	6	0
Short	3	4	0	0	0	4	5	10	8	0
Adequate	58	80	32	37	35	63	62	71	86	72
Surplus	38	16	68	63	65	33	32	19	0	28
Subsoil Moisture Supply										
Very Short	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	1	1	0
Short	6	5	1	1	0	7	13	13	27	0
Adequate	78	90	56	70	77	87	84	67	72	94
Surplus	15	5	42	29	23	6	0	19	0	6
Ground Worked Spring Tillage, Percent										
This Year	25	35	21	4	42	21	23	43	27	28
Last Year	14	8	29	13	26	11	5	17	13	15
Normal	36									
Corn Planted, Percent										
This Year	2	0	0	0	2	0	2	9	5	11
Last Year	1	2	3	0	2	1	0	3	0	2
Normal	11									
Winter Wheat Condition										
Very Poor	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Poor	6	2	17	7	1	3	12	0	7	3
Fair	42	48	37	44	42	55	47	25	44	31
Good	45	45	41	45	50	38	38	75	31	55
Excellent	6	4	4	3	7	4	2	0	18	11
Supply of Hay and Other Roughages										
Very Short	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Short	5	16	7	5	0	1	1	7	5	0
Adequate	75	73	73	68	80	70	87	70	88	46
Surplus	20	11	19	26	20	29	12	23	7	54
Stock Water Supplies										
Very Short	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Short	2	0	1	0	0	1	1	8	7	0
Adequate	82	80	85	82	80	84	81	76	93	46
Surplus	16	20	14	18	20	15	18	16	0	54
Pasture Condition										
Very Poor	1	0	3	1	0	0	2	0	0	0
Poor	12	12	11	14	3	2	26	10	33	0
Fair	43	44	52	55	43	50	43	36	30	6
Good	42	42	33	25	48	48	29	54	37	86
Excellent	2	2	1	5	6	0	0	0	0	8
Average Precipitation	0.44	0.55	0.39	0.12	0.45	0.35	0.41	0.58	0.43	0.72

Precipitation for Week Ending April 5, 2009



Precipitation for Four Weeks Ending April 5, 2009

